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Secrecy for secrecy's sake often goes to great lengths in the central intelligence agency, making a mystery of the obvious. The other day The Chicago Tribune's Washington bureau received a call from a CIA representative, who did not identify himself by name, but asked for three copies of The Tribune for Sunday, June 19. Mindful that the paper for that day had 18 sections, the bureau representative asked what item the organization wanted.

"Oh, the CIA never breaks cover to tell what it wants to clip from any newspaper," said the inquirer.

A glance at the Sunday issue revealed the CIA interest in a page one story announcing the retirement of Adm. William F. Raborn as head of the organization and the appointment of Richard Helms as his successor. Since the CIA call came on July 21, it would seem that it took the CIA more than a month to catch up to that particular bit of intelligence.